

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
January 8, 2002
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to order and Introduction of guests	Ralph Bram
Comments from the Area Director	Phyllis Johnson
Contributions to a BARC Tornado Fund by industry	Phil Kearney
BARC Landscaping Fund	Al Stoner Jim Butcher
Report of Treasurer	Bill Wergin
Progress Report for Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)	Phil Kearney
Report of National Visitors Center	John Kucharski
Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
Report of Publicity Committee, including January newsletter, Congressional testimony, and FAR-B Membership Directory	Jim Butcher
Planning for Annual Meeting	Jim Butcher
Anecdotal History of Beltsville	Hank Becker
Report of Outreach Committee	Charles Dickson
Report of Goals and Objectives Committee including future Board membership	Phil Kearney
Report of the Administrator's Liaison	Manya Stoetzel

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2002 dues
OK - Record on Card

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, January 8, 2002

Attendees: William Bailey, Henry Becker, Mort Beroza, Ralph Bram, James Butcher, Charles Dickson, Essex Finney, Ronald Korcek, Philip Kearney, John Kucharski, Frank Longen, Manya Stoetzel, Allan Stoner, Allen Taylor, William Wergin.

R. Korcek, representing the **Beltsville Area Office**, reported on a large number of items in a brief period of time... **Floyd Horn** has been called to an extended detail with the new US Office of Homeland Security. **Edward Knipling** will be filling in as Acting Administrator of ARS until Dr. Horn returns... Also, **Caird Rexroad** will become Acting Associate Administrator of ARS, with **Joe Spence**---currently Director of the HNRC---filling in behind Dr. Rexroad on the National Program Staff...A re-dedication ceremony for refurbished Bldg. 004 has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 23.

Moved, seconded and approved: **FAR=B to provide reimbursement up to \$300 for B.004 re-dedication refreshments 01/23/02.**

Anti-terrorism money has started to filter down to the trenches... \$325 million of DoD money has been channeled to USDA... ARS is to get \$113 million of that pot, with \$21 million earmarked for BARC... Other big recipients will be locations at Ames IA and Plum Island NY...The IKEA deveopment proposed for the property south of BARC-West seems to be marchng inexorably towards reality. Yet to be explained fully to the general public are exactly what changes will be made to Rt. 1 betwen Sunnyside and the Beltway, plus how a new on/off ramp to IKEA will impact Beltay traffic.

Tornado damages are now set at \$23.5 million, with \$3 million of that amount attributable to non-facility items.

Regarding letters for a lobbying campaign, it was agreed that the most valuable contribution would be letters to Congress from out-of-state individuals/organizations who are also constituents of House/Senate agricultural appropriation committee members.

President **R. Bram** reminded the BOD of the ad hoc committee he formed to explore the possibilities of a Congressional letter-writing campaign. Its members are: **E. Finney, P. Kearney (chm.), J. Butcher, and H. Becker.**

A. Stoner presented details about plans and drawings being developed by his committee on BARC re-landscaping and restoration, and how the time-lines being projected for implementation are progressing. Much of the planting of trees and shrubs should begin in earnest this Spring... A meeting of industry wholesalers of trees and shrubs is coming up in Baltimore this week which BARC's landscapeing committee members will attend. Hopefully, landscaping stock might come out of this. The database of projected restoration needs is being refined continually by knowledgable people. Precise "needs" dollar fiques should be forthcoming soon.

NOTE: It was agreed that procureent of---and payment for---plant material, etc., for the re-landscaping project should be initiated by authorized requests generated by the landscaping committee, with payment being made directly to vendors by FAR=B.

W. Wergin presented the Treasurer's report in the form of a set of hand-outs describing transactions and balances. Most of the income for the most recent period was related to contributions to the landscaping fund.

P. Kearney said the results of the fall Combined Federal Campaign drive should be coming out in January or February. The hope is for substantial improvement over FAR=B's initial venture into the CFC competition.

F. Longen reviewed membership figures for FAR-B, even noting a second new recruit from NAL (Maria Pisa, Acting Director of NAL).

J. Butcher, publicity chairman, distributed some of the stories being created for the upcoming (January) FAR-B Newsletter. Still to come is the Director's message. For the Annual Meeting next Spring, hope springs eternal for landing **Steny Hoyer** as keynote speaker and as a be-knighted honorary member of FAR=B. Acceptance by the Congressman would have to be provisional, depending on the Congressional schedule. An alternative speaker would appear to be advisable.

Discussion followed about putting the Newslettter into e-mail or Internet format, with many pro's and con's being bandied about. An effort will be made to determine the extent of interest in an e-mail option via a survey in the next issue...After considering the alternatives, it was the feeling of the group to postpone production of a membership directory until at least October, MMII...Some thought was given to how to fill the numerous roles currently being occupied by F. Longen, should he ever choose to retire from the BOD.

C. Dickson, Community Outreach, gave the BOD a preview of two upcoming FAR=B sponsored events: (1) the Beltsville Invitational for BARC high school student interns, April 12; and a sixth-grade field trip to BARC, October 4.

Paul Putnam's latest version of his anecdotal history about animal science in Beltsville was earlier received by FAR-B and given to **H. Becker** to determine what the retail market might possibly support. The review concluded that further expenditure of time and attention by the BOD should be discouraged. **President Bram** said he would communicate this decision to Dr. Putnam soonest.

P. Kearney outlined his efforts to attract recent retirees **Harriet Gladish** and **Pat Augustine** into BOD activities and/or membership.

M. Stoetzel proposed that FAR=B underwrite the removal and relocation of about 25 viable plants in the vicinity of landscaping zero. Moved, seconded and approved: **the authorization of \$5,000** to have the Holland Gardens on Sellman Road carry this out this task, with payment by FAR=B..

Until then, . . .

All collected by:

Charles H. Dickson Jr.
Declaratory Consultant

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
February 12, 2002
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to order and Introduction of guests	Ralph Bram
Contributions to a BARC Tornado Fund by industry, including BSAF equipment contribution	Phil Kearney
BARC Landscaping Fund	Al Stoner Jim Butcher
Report of Treasurer	Bill Wergin
Requests for Assistance Gary Beecher Mini Symposium 2001 George W. Irving Award - V. R. Reddy	Ralph Bram
Progress Report for Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)	Phil Kearney
Report of National Visitors Center	John Kucharski
Comments from the Area Director	Ron Korcek <i>Good</i>
Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen
FAR-B/Miklos Faust Intern Program <i>will not fund this summer</i>	Frank Longen <i>194</i>
Report of Publicity Committee (Congressional testimony)	Jim Butcher <i>members</i>
Planning for Annual Meeting, including invitations to principle speakers	Jim Butcher <i>Last yr. had open season for membership</i>
Report of Outreach Committee	Charles Dickson
Commingling of FAR-B Funds with USDA appropriations	Charles Dickson
Report of Goals and Objectives Committee, including future Board membership	Phil Kearney
Report of the Administrator's Liaison, including progress report on landscaping	Manya Stoetzel

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, February 12, 2002

Attendees: William Bailey, Henry Becker, Mort Beroza, Ralph Bram, James Butcher, Charles Dickson, Janet Fuerst, Ronald Korcek, Philip Kearney, Frank Longen, Manya Stoetzel, William Wergin, Allen Worley.

P. Kearney discussed a proposed donation of equipment to BARC by the German-owned company, **BASF**. Equipment would be transferred to FAR-B, thence to BARC.

BARC Landscaping: **J. Butcher** delivered a status report, on behalf of the traveling **A. Stoner**, concerning the acquiring, planting, and watering of the replacement shrubbery for BARC's West Side.

Treasurer's Report: Three handouts were distributed by Treasurer **W. Wergin**--1) tornado landscape fund; 2) status of the three big accounts; and 3) a reconciliation report.

Requests for Assistance: **V.R. Reddy** received a George Irving Fellowship for 2002, but will not be able to use it until 2003. **President Bram** will letter him saying he and FAR-B will have to wait until 2003, and do the best everybody can then.

BOD agreed in principle to help with a request for a retirement symposium for **Gary Beecher**. **President Bram** will letter the sponsors, stating the assurance that financial arrangements will be favorable to FAR-B.

CFC Report: Pledge drive is still going on. Results will be in April 1.

Membership Report: Post card reminders were sent around to most members regarding 2002 renewals. We now have 194 members to work with.

Faust Intern Program: Letter was sent to **Maria Faust** regarding why FAR-B would not be facilitating a summer intern position in the Fruit Laboratory this year. Suggestion was made to have a form of cost sharing in the future for summer interns, with \$1250 of FAR-B money being matched by \$1250 in laboratory money. BOD approved the idea of assessing the Faust stock holdings next year, and then deciding what to do with them.

Tardy **Ron Korcek** commented on the good/bad news in the set of budget documents he passed out. These involved mostly increases vs. decreases. Facilities as usual get only incremental attention. The Bee Research Lab will be dissolved and moved to Weslaco, TX in order to meet part of a \$15 million base-line reduction. After deconstruction/reconstruction, Beltsville comes out ahead by over \$1 million. A letter campaign for the "add-ons" and the Bee Laboratory would seem to be appropriate, as well as inclusion of FAR-B's "outside testimony".

Question: What should contents of letter(s) to **Monsanto** need to contain (tax free numbers, dollar figures, etc.)? **R. Korcek** to research.

J. Butcher opened a discussion about the 2003 outside testimony. The committee's project will employ **D. Murrell, C. Dickson, E. Finney,** and **H. Becker**.

(Fire drill alarm sounded here.)

Outreach Committee Chair C. Dickson discussed current plans for the 2002 'Beltsville Invitational' for high school students. **R. Korcek** suggested making an effort to include high school interns other than just those from Eleanor Roosevelt high school. This will be done.

Goals and Objectives: **W. Wergin** will be nominated to be next President of FAR-B at the Annual Meeting in May, with a concomitant search to be undertaken with a goal of finding a qualified replacement for him as FAR-B Treasurer.

M. Stoertzel handed out clippings from the community press regarding the sale or non-sale of surplus or non-surplus real estate presently within the boundaries of USDA/BARC. The beat goes on. . . .

Having successfully raced through a heavily-loaded agenda in record time, **President Bram** declared the meeting adjourned at 2:59 pm.

Assembled and collated by:

Charles H. Dickson Jr.
Shrubbery Observer

To Do -

Call Frank Longen next week

ask about Plaque info for Cong. ~~H~~

personally gotten for Rawls, Dube etc. for uply mty.

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
March 12, 2002
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to order and Introduction of guests

Ralph Bram

Comments from the Area Director

Phyllis Johnson

BARC Landscaping Fund

Al Stoner
Jim Butcher

Report of National Visitors Center

Historical renovation
Secret Serv. was billy for ~~training~~

John Kucharski
Rosanna Taylor

Contributions to a BARC Tornado Fund by industry,
including BSAF equipment contribution

Phil Kearney

Report of Treasurer

Bill Wergin

Progress Report for Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

no word
on how much

Phil Kearney

Report of Membership Committee

had a health issue
too very weak

Frank Longen

Report of Publicity Committee (Congressional testimony)

Jim Butcher

Planning for Annual Meeting, including invitations to
principle speakers

Jim Butcher
Ralph Bram

Report of Outreach Committee

Charles Dickson

Report of Goals and Objectives Committee, including future
Board membership

Phil Kearney

Report of the Administrator's Liaison, including progress report
on landscaping

Manya Stoetzel

re BASF - Phil says
delays from their end (donating equip + vehicles)
shipping costs ??

3.8 million for BARC - tornado recovery

Endo received Henry A. Wallace Award contributions for research

Membership Chairman - ME starting after May mty.

April 12
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April 18
poster day
at Visitors
Ctr.
9am - 3pm

Henry Hoyer
Dottie's trophy's
in Laurel

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Attendees: Ralph Bram, James Butcher, Charles Dickson, Janet Ferst, Essex Finney, Ronald Korcak, Manya Stoetzel, Allen Stoner, Rosannah Taylor, John Van De Vaarst, William Wergin.

President Bram announced a goodly number of BOD members will not be attending today due to health problems or personal family matters. He will, however, proceed with whatever resources are available.

A discussion followed about the pending donation of scientific equipment by **BASF to BARC**. A visit is planned soon by Beltsville personnel to start making some decisions about how to handle this potential windfall.

Tornado damages: after initial assessments were quickly announced, amounts attributed to tornado damage entered a continuing recession. For FY 2003, \$4.18 million in appropriated funds are being requested for tornado recovery for BARC.

An update on the status of the closing [re-routing] of **Soil Conservation Road** was presented..

Landscaping project: **A. Stoner** gave what might be the penultimate report of the **Committee of Volunteer BARC Employees** which has dealt with the problem the past six months of how to restore the plant devastation incurred by the Spotsylvania tornado of September 24, 2001.

Everything the Committee has had a hand in ordering to date is either on hand or residing passively in the ground. Planting therefore will now be curtailed until the fall. With regard to the expenditure of FAR-B-generated funds, the Committee will be spending \$3,800 to obtain \$15,000 worth of top-grade plants from generous local nurseries.

Montgomery CC has offered 22 plants to BARC free of charge (except for moving and replanting). These excellent plants (15 to 20-foot-tall adolescent trees) can be moved to BARC for \$5,540. **Moved, seconded and passed: to approve the expenditure of \$5,540 for the Montgomery/Germantown trees---plus \$1,000 for the Glenn Dale Mongolian Oak, for a total of \$6,400.** This, together with the earlier purchases authorized by FAR-B, will effectively liquidate the \$15,000 FAR-B collected through post-tornado donations.

National Visitor Center Report: **Rosannah Taylor** described the excellent work being done by the National Park Service Reconstruction Team. Another year of painstaking work has been scheduled, extending their outstanding renovation into another fiscal year. The **Secret Service** has been using the Log Lodge for final training for its expanded executive protective service. The **Industrial College of the Armed Forces** has been doing the same. In February ARS held its Annual Recognition ceremony there. Re: March Madness---100 Delaware agricultural representatives will be rolling in soon. INTEL Science Search winners dropped by to display their grey matter. Embassy Attaches continue to schedule briefings at NVC. The

Maryland dairy industry in came in large numbers last April. New employees tours are now scheduled regularly by the NVC. **R. Taylor** suggested a FAR-B membership application be made a part of pertinent BA-ALL communiques.

Request for Poster Day. A request was read for \$500 to support a Poster Day luncheon, plus \$75 to fund coffee for casual visitors. (Note: past post-doc celebrants have funded refreshments for visitors out of their own stipends.) Moved, seconded and passed: authorization for \$575 for the 2002 Poster Day activity.

Treasurer's Report: a discussion ensued about FAR-B recommending a full-time horticulturalist for the next months and years to assure the stock of replacement landscaping stock does not perish from neglect.

CFC: Results due later in April.

Membeship Committee: the good news is that Janet Ferst has agreed to assume the leadership of this Committee from our retiring Frank Longen.

Publicity Committee: **Jim Butcher** outlined some of the problems he sees with getting this year's FAR-B Testimony into the relevant Capitol Hill offices. The tight schedule he is operating under will not be a help at all when it comes to coping with the new (frantic) security measures.

Annual Meeting & invitation to speakers: **Steny Hoyer** is still the main one. Letters have been sent by President Bram. Social half-hour ahead of the meeting has been scheduled.

Outreach Commitee handouts included: "For Happier Golden Years, Look on the Bright Side", an excerpt from the Washington POST.

President Bram is still hunting for a replacement for **Tresurer W. Wergin**, who soon will be moving into the Presidential penthouse for FAR-B.

With all pressing business having been disposed of by the skeleton BOD, President Bram embraced adjournment and all headed out to Route 1 to mourn the imminent demolition of **Josie's Bar & Grill**.

Assembled and collated by:

Charles H. Dickson Jr.
Dictaphone Operator

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH - BELTSVILLE

	Annual Budget	January	February	March	Y-T-D	Remaining
INCOME						
Membership Dues	5,000	240	1600	660	2500	2,500
Contributions	300	0	0	0	0	300
Interest	1,500	97	80	0	177	1,323
Dividends	500	0	0	0	0	500
Handling Fee (SELF)	200	0	0	0	0	200
Registration Fees - Symposia & Conferences	5,500	0	0	0	0	5,500
CFC	3,000	289	248	0	537	2,463
BARC Landscape Renovation - Contributions	5,000	5045	175	160	5380	-380
Monsanto - Contribution	10,000	10,000	0	0	10000	0
Total Estimated Income	31,000	15,671	2,103	0	18,594	12,406
EXPENSES						
Projects to be Expensed						
BARC Landscape Renovation - FARB	10,000	5,000	0	0	5000	5,000
BARC Landscape Renovation - Contribut	5,000	0	56	89	145	4,855
Monsanto Funds	10,000	10,000	0	0	10000	0
Assistance for Scientific Events						
BARC Poster Day	500	0	0	0	0	500
Area office ad hoc Events	400	0	0	0	0	400
Dedications	600	315	0	0	315	285
Annual Meeting	100	0	0	0	0	100
Community Outreach Programs	500	0	0	0	0	500
Special Events	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000
Symposia	5000	0	0	0	0	5,000
Administrative						
Postage (Membership)	200	58	0	0	58	142
Postage & Misc (BOD)	60	49	0	0	49	11
Post Office Box Rental	80	0	0	0	0	80
Stationary & Office Supplies	100	0	0	0	0	100
Printing	400	204	0	0	204	196
Total Estimated Expenses	33,940	15,626	0	0	15,771	18,169
BALANCE	-2,940	45	2,103	0	2,823	-5,763

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
April 9, 2002
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to order and Introduction of guests	Ralph Bram
Comments from the Area Director	Phyllis Johnson
BARC Landscaping Fund	Al Stoner Jim Butcher
Report of National Visitors Center	John Kucharski
Contributions to BARC by BSAF	Phil Kearney
Report of Treasurer	Bill Wergin
Results of the Combined Federal Campaign	Phil Kearney
Report of Membership Committee	Frank Longen/Janet Ferst
Report of Publicity Committee (Congressional testimony)	Jim Butcher
Planning for Annual Meeting	Ralph Bram
Report of Outreach Committee	Charles Dickson
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"GLOBE" staff working on this

why won't BARC just accept who going thru FARB?

\$2,000+ raised

faint blue tint

Acrylic - Pyramid 6 sides

template clock

With Taken care of plaque for Cong. Hoyer will pick up in about 1 week

Longen - will do Ag Res. Magazine to Companies

4/11/02

May 14 May Board meeting - briefly before Annual mtg. on 2nd floor

total 198 members second notice to members for renewals goes out end of May - early June

Hank will get 3 or 4 sentences re Hoyer

Waldy Klassen - Life & Career of Dr. E. F. Kinsley (Daddy)

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH - BELTSVILLE

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INCOME						
Membership Dues	5,000	240	1600	1250	3090	1,910
Contributions	300	0	0	30	30	270
Interest	1,500	97	80	0	177	1,323
Dividends	500	0	0	0	0	500
Handling Fee (SELF)	200	0	0	0	0	200
Beecher Symposium	5,500	0	0	1500	1500	4,000
CFC	3,000	289	248	0	537	2,463
BARC Landscape Renovation - Contributions	5,000	5045	175	210	5430	-430
Monsanto - Contribution	10,000	10,000	0	0	10000	0
Total Estimated Income	31,000	15,671	2,103	0	20,764	10,236
EXPENSES						
Projects to be Expensed						
BARC Landscape Renovation - FARB	10,000	5,000	0	0	5000	5,000
BARC Landscape Renovation - Contribut	5,000	0	56	89	145	4,855
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Community Outreach Programs	500	0	0	0	0	500
Special Events	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000
Symposia	5000	0	0	1508	1508	3,492
Administrative						
Postage (Membership)	200	58	0	0	58	142
Postage & Misc (BOD)	60	49	0	0	49	11
Post Office Box Rental	80	0	0	0	0	80
Stationary & Office Supplies	100	0	0	0	0	100
Printing	400	204	0	0	204	196
Total Estimated Expenses	33,940	15,626	0	0	17,279	16,661
BALANCE	-2,940	45	2,103	0	3,485	-6,425

Donations:

Produce for Better Health Foundation:	500.00
Roche Vitamins, Inc.	1000.00
Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc.	1000.00
M&M Mars, Inc	1000.00
General Mills	500.00
Total	4000.00

Expenses

Reception	
Select Event Rentals:	\$444.93
Party City	105.63
Raulin's	99.50
Giant	103.34
Sams	329.58
Misc.	9.86

Dinner	
Holiday Inn	1026.82
Total	2119.66

As of 4/4/02	
Balance (FAR-B)	1880.34

Friends of Agricultural Research—Beltsville, Inc.

Abbreviated Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
May 14, 2002
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to order and Introduction of guests	Ralph Bram
Request for Assistance	Allan Stoner Anita Kopman
Report of Treasurer	Frank Longen
Report of Publicity Committee (Newsletter and Membership Directory)	Jim Butcher
Informal History of BARC	Hank Becker
Photograph of the current Board of Directors	Charles Dickson
Report of the Administrator's Liaison	Manya Stoetzel
Adjourn to the reception for FAR-B Members	Room 020

Friends of Agricultural Research-Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
June 11, 2002
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - Bill Wergin

Comments from the Area Director - Phyllis Johnson

Contributions to BARC Tornado Fund by Industry - Phil Kearney

BARC Landscaping Fund - Al Stoner, Jim Butcher

Report of Treasurer - Bill Wergin

Progress Report for Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) - Phil Kearney

Report of National Visitors Center - John Kucharski

Report of Membership Committee - Janet Ferst (Frank Longen)

Report of Publicity Committee - Jim Butcher

Report of Outreach Committee - Charles Dickson

Report of Goals and Objectives Committee - Phil Kearney

Report of the Administrator's Liaison, including progress report
to BA on landscaping - Al Stoner (Manya Stoetzel)

Round Table

Adjourn for the SUMMER!

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Attendees: Morton Beroza*, Ralph Bram, James Butcher, Charles Dickson, Essex Finney, Phyllis Johnson**, Philip Kearney, John Kucharski**, Verne Pursel, William Wergin (* = arrived late; ** = left early).

President W. Wergin opened by introducing **Verne Pursel**, an alumnus of numerous BARC campaigns, who is also a potential candidate for the BOD's **Treasurer's Office**.

A lengthy report on the status of various Beltsville projects ensued, delivered by BARC Director **P. Johnson**. On October 1, the joint ARS | U/MD **Animal Biotechnology Building** will be dedicated near Building 200. This will be the last time the public may visit the inside of this facility.

J. Kucharski reported on recent activities at the **National Visitor Center**, including a false-positive occurrence involving the Secret Service and some suspicious New York State/Middle Eastern transients.

P. Kearney explained why the proposed donation of BASF laboratory equipment to BARC went down the proverbial tubes over the summer.

J. Butcher and Landscape Fund---about \$1200 left at this point.

Treasurer's Report---**W. Wergin** produced the regular array of financial statements. After several wide-ranging discussions by the group, the following decisions were voted upon/made:

BIO convention and related events---FAR-B will wait and see what develops and what effort we can reasonably supply for this extravaganza.

For the **Research Leader Luncheons**, it was moved and seconded to support two luncheons, as \$500 per luncheon, through the end of Calendar 2002. It was further recommended that any future such luncheons be discussed and their future support determined next calendar year. Further, the FAR-B Benefit Award Form should be reactivated. All requests should be channelled through that form, from the lowliest laboratory function to the Area Director's Office wildest scheme. Lead times should be advertised and enforced (2-weeks prior to a BOD monthly meeting, for instance) to avoid the routinized crisis of fiscal requests currently functioning as the norm.

Verne Pursel was nominated and approved as **BOD Treasurer** until formal elections can take place next Spring.

A "**Reaching for the Stars**" award, presented last June to **C. Dickson** by the **Seabrook Elementary School**, was passed around for purposes of admiring.

Steny Hoyer's perplexing plaque: still trying to get the man and the plaque together. **Quo Vadis** the **Hoyer Greenbelt Office**? (Action: J. Butcher.)

Meeting faded to black with talk about **NAL v. ARS** issues past, present, and future. Also: **Paul Putnam** and the book that will not go away.

Random factoids collected by: C. Dickson
Star Reacher

Lo u/ Jim Butcher to meet printer.

Flu Shots Oct 23

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Board of Directors Meeting

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October 8, 2002
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - Bill Wergin
2. Comments from the Area Director - Phyllis Johnson
3. Comments from National Visitors Center - John Kucharski

Reports

- ✓ 1. Minutes - Hank Dickson
- ✓ 2. Treasurer - Vern Pursel, Bill Wergin
- ✓ 3. Membership Committee - Janet Ferst
- ✓ 4. Publicity Committee - Jim Butcher
- ✓ 5. Outreach Committee - Hank Dickson
- ✓ 6. Goals and Objectives Committee - Phil Kearney
- ✓ 7. Administrator's Liaison - Al Stoner

Old Business

- ✓ 1. BARC Landscaping Fund - Al Stoner, Jim Butcher
- ✓ 2. Progress Report for United Way Campaign - Phil Kearney
- ✓ 3. Discussion of the S. Hoyer Plaque - Jim Butcher

New Business

1. Discussion of Assistance Request Form
- ✓ 2. Request for assistance for Interbull Technical Workshop

Adjourn

Deborah

Debra Brennan
mid So. Assoc. Dir.
(Vet)

Continuing Resolution
(no budget passed till
after Election)

Booted of Formal Animals
(Pranogenic work)
(Gene Eval. + Mapping)

Systematic Research
P. Laven from
No. Botanic
Gardens

2 new members - 1 Assoc
1 Personal

Goals - Simple Res. + Outreach Programs
Mission Statement? Don't try to do too
much

1. Research - Growing Fellowship \$5000
2. Admin. Distinguished Spkr Program \$500
should be recognized
3. Outreach - unfunded needs refreshments nte \$250
- * Education - Cong. Testimony
(requires a lot of work)
- special Event \$100 such as "Black History"
3. Nat. Visitor Ctr. -

Rex Powell serving as chair
(spoke at mtg.)
\$25 registration fee

Pie Chart



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Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Attendees: {Full House} J. Anderson, H. Becker, M. Beroza, R. Bram, J. Butcher, C. Dickson, J. Ferst, E. Finney, P. Kearney, F. Longen, R. Powell, V. Pursel, A. Stoner, W. Wergin.

Rex Powell began by explaining in detail his request for FAR-B assistance regarding an Interbull Technical Workshop to be held in Beltsville

March 1--2, 2003. Motion was made, seconded and passed to join in sponsoring this technical workshop, with FAR-B to receive a portion of the registration fee and appropriate visual recognition, with the nature of actual assistance to be delivered by FAR-B to be determined.

James Anderson presented a status report by the Area Director's office. The primo event of the past month was the opening of the trans-genic animal research facility near Building 200, the culmination of 12 years of effort by BARC and U/MD. If you missed the dedication, you missed it all---it is now closed forever to the public. He also mentioned the grim prediction that because of international and other complications, ARS will probably be operating under USDA's Continuing Resolution well into next summer.

Charles Dickson presented a matrix describing outreach expenditures made over the past five years---made in good faith by the Committee Chairman

Monday, November 04, 2002 America Online: Janet ferst

Friends of Agricultural Research-Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238
Beltsville, Maryland
November 12, 2002
1:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - Bill Wergin
2. Comments from the Area Director - Phyllis Johnson
3. Comments from National Visitors Center - John Kucharski

Reports

1. Minutes – Charles Dickson
2. Treasurer - Vern Pursel
3. Membership Committee - Janet Ferst
4. Publicity Committee - Jim Butcher
5. Outreach Committee - Charles Dickson
6. Goals and Objectives Committee - Phil Kearney
7. Administrator's Liaison - Al Stoner

Old Business

1. BARC Landscaping Fund - Al Stoner, Jim Butcher
2. Progress Report for United Way Campaign - Phil Kearney
3. Discussion of the S. Hoyer Plaque – Jim Butcher

New Business

1. 2003 Budget
2. Newsletter – Hank Becker
3. Harry Danforth - CRADAs, scheduled for January

Adjourn

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Attendees: {Holiday Crew} H. Becker (late), M. Beroza, J. Butcher, R. Korcak, C. Dickson, E. Finney, P. Kearney, V. Pursel, W. Wergin.

Excused Absence: W. Bailey, J. Ferst, A. Stoner.

With a skeleton BOD crew on hand, **President W. Wergin** concentrated on wrapping up various loose ends **in re: Calendar Year 2002**, while also determining which issues could be postponed for discussion in the New Year.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed [without extensive discussion] to skip the BOD meeting scheduled for December 10, 2002, instead planning to reconvene January 14, 2003.

The issues recognized by **President Wergin**, and their general disposition, were as follows:

Distinguished Lecture Series---it was agreed this would be the subject of a thorough, on-the-record budget discussion 01/14 in re: the extent of FAR-B's financial support of this series for CY 2003. A formal request form from the Area Director's Office ~~should be provided.~~ *has yet to be received.*

The **Systematic Summit** has come and gone with a \$200 request for meals for out-of-towners, a request submitted by Wanda Collins.

Mike Purdue, RL, Animal Waste Pathogen Laboratory, has a workshop coming up in 2003, and may be attending a BOD meeting soon to discuss it.

Harry Danforth---is to be invited to the January meeting to address the BOD about CRADA's.

BARC's landscaping project is winding down, but the **Landscape Committee** lives on. **J. Butcher** will continue as FAR-B's civilian representative.

The bi-annual **FAR-B Directory** will be published in December.

CFC for 2002-2003 kicked off in October. Target goal for FAR-B this year is \$10K.

H. Becker has nominally agreed to be the chief czar of FAR-B's January 2003 Newsletter.

CY 2003 Budget: How {or why} do we differentiate between 'Education', 'Research', and 'Community Outreach'?

Two small, possibly profitable workshops are scheduled for CY 2003.

Charles H. Dickson Jr., Foreign Correspondent

